

1 **Rule 5.6. Restrictions on Right to Practice.**

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3 A licensed paralegal practitioner shall not participate in offering or making:

4 (a) a partnership, shareholder, operating, employment, or other similar type of agreement that
5 restricts the right of a licensed paralegal practitioner to practice after termination of the
6 relationship, except an agreement concerning benefits upon retirement; or

7 (b) an agreement in which a restriction on the licensed paralegal practitioner's right to
8 practice is part of the settlement of a client controversy.

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13 [1] An agreement restricting the right of licensed paralegal practitioners to practice after leaving
14 a firm not only limits their professional autonomy but also limits the freedom of clients to choose
15 a licensed paralegal practitioner. Paragraph (a) prohibits such agreements except for restrictions
16 incident to provisions concerning retirement benefits for service with the firm.

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18 [2] Paragraph (b) prohibits a licensed paralegal practitioner from agreeing not to represent other
19 persons in connection with settling a claim on behalf of a client.

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21 [3] This Rule does not apply to prohibit restrictions that may be included in the terms of the sale
22 of a licensed paralegal practitioner practice pursuant to Rule 1.17.